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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Shirley Lee et al

Confirmation No.: 1662

Application No.: 09/702185

Examiner: C. Shosho

Filing Date: Oct 30, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1714

Title: Ink And Underprinting Fluid Combinations With Improved Inkjet Print Image Color And Stability

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Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

(X) Previously submitted:

(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on Oct. 9, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

(X) Enclosed:

( ) Amendment/Reply

(X) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

(X) Other Preliminary Amendment

Miscellaneous

( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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(X) RCE filing fee \$740.00

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| ( ) four months  | \$1440 00 |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

20 Please consider the following remarks attached declaration:

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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Claims 17, 21-27, 30, 32, and 50-57 are pending.

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Claims 17, 21-27, 32, 50-55, and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurabayashi et al. (U.S. 5,700,314) or Takahashi et al. (U.S. 5,624,484), either of which in view of Watanabe et al. (U.S. 6,080,229) and either Zhu (U.S. 5,889,083) or EP 735120. Claims 30 and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurabayashi et al. or Takahashi et al. either of which in view of Watanabe et al. and either Zhu or EP 735120 as applied to claims 17, 21-27, 32, 50-55, and 57 above, and further in view of Yatake (U.S. 6,004,389).

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